

APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT

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TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING OVER  
A DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM OF COMPUTERS

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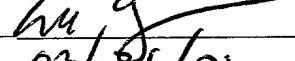
I hereby declare that I am an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c)(f) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING OVER DISTRIBUTED SYSTEM OF COMPUTERS and filed contemporaneously.

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